

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 10-11, 14-44, 47-48, 51-74, and 78 are presently active. Claims 8-9, 12-13, 45, 46, 49, 50, 75-77, and 79-81 have been canceled. Claims 1, 23, 38, 60, and 78 have been presently amended. No new matter has been added.

The claims have been amended to be consistent with claims in related applications (U.S. Serial Nos. 10/673,501; 10/673,138; and 10/673,467) which have been allowed.

Consequently, the application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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